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From: Rodney & Joanne Dicob – Taxpayers and Landowners
7714 State Route 812
Lowville, New York 13367

You have received documents that are being filed for railroad abandonment. The railroads are the **Lowville Beaver River Railroad (LBRR) docket # 108** and the **Mohawk Adirondack & Northern Railroad (MAN) docket # 768**.

Abandonment of these rail lines would put Lewis County, NY and the industries in this county had a great disadvantage for any future expansion and new industry if the abandonment is approved.

We feel with the NYS Energy initiative and the Presidents of the United States plan to Build Back America, that rails are going to become the main source of transportation in the country. NYS has plans to reduce carbon emissions by 70% by 2030 and 100% reduction by 2040. This is a very ambitious plan as electric trucks are not equipped to transport goods in winter weather conditions not to mention charging stations availability.

We need to be able to transport goods in and out of our county. Shipping by rail will be more efficient with the new green energy policies. In Lewis County we have diverse industries with Kraft Foods which is the largest cream cheese manufacturer, AMF the worldwide producer of bowling pins, agricultural commodities such as soy and corn is exported, logging industry, paper mills, Aries Chemical (attached an article that states rail could be key to their business) and Johnson lumber company manufacturer/wholesaler of finished eastern white pine for exterior and interior products.

Please find enclosed pictures taken on August 10, 2023. These pictures are 2 bridges that the trail would have to cross with water at 7' high. Climate changes are occurring and these federal wetlands flood at many different times during the year.

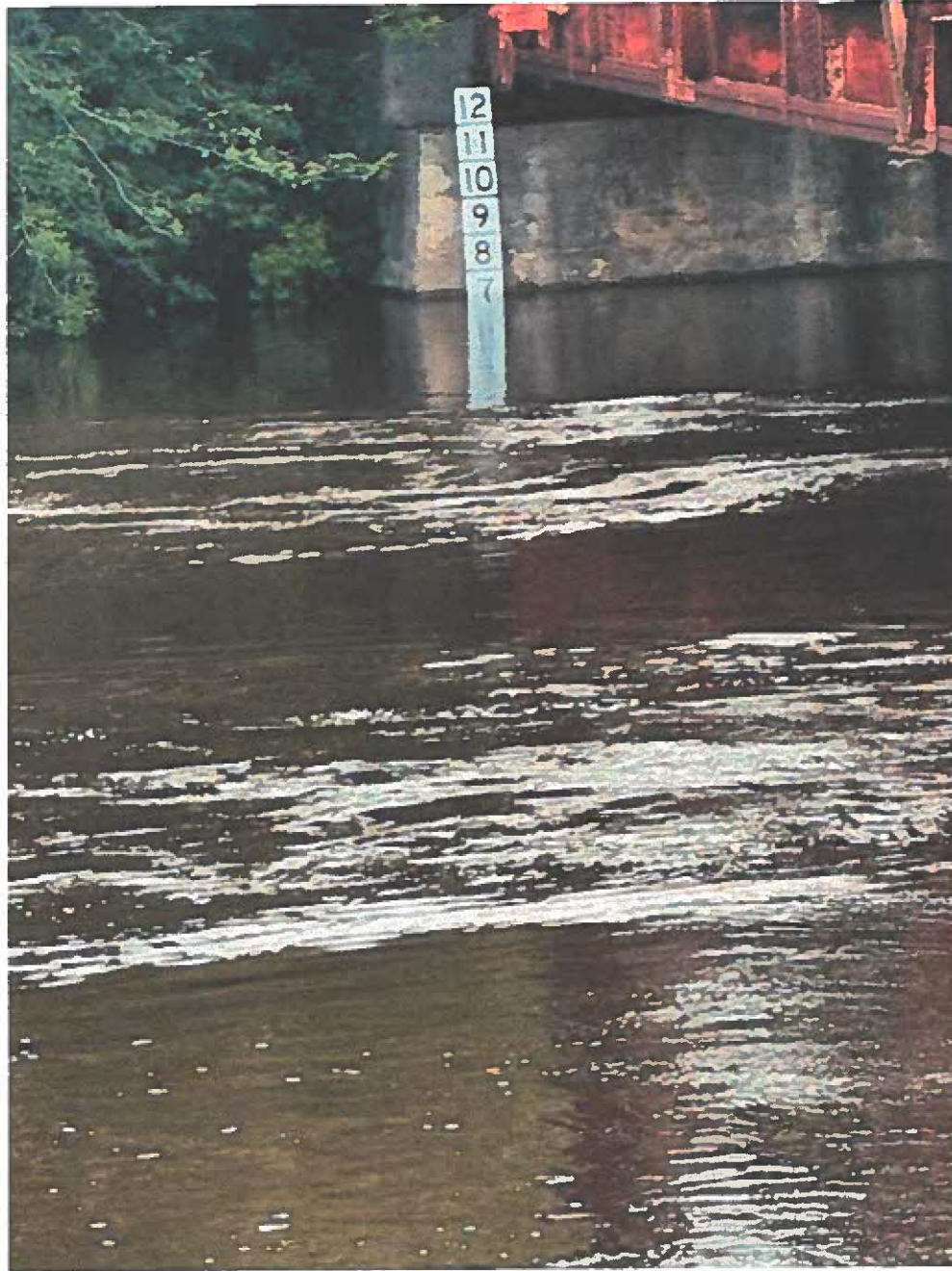
We feel that with the NYS Energy Initiative and President Biden agenda for clean energy, could fund a rehabilitation of the rails to enhance our economy and future growth. Dismantling the rails will put our county into disadvantage competitively to attract any new industry into our county.

Please reject the application from Genesee Valley Transportation to abandon the LBRR and MAN rail lines in Lewis County.

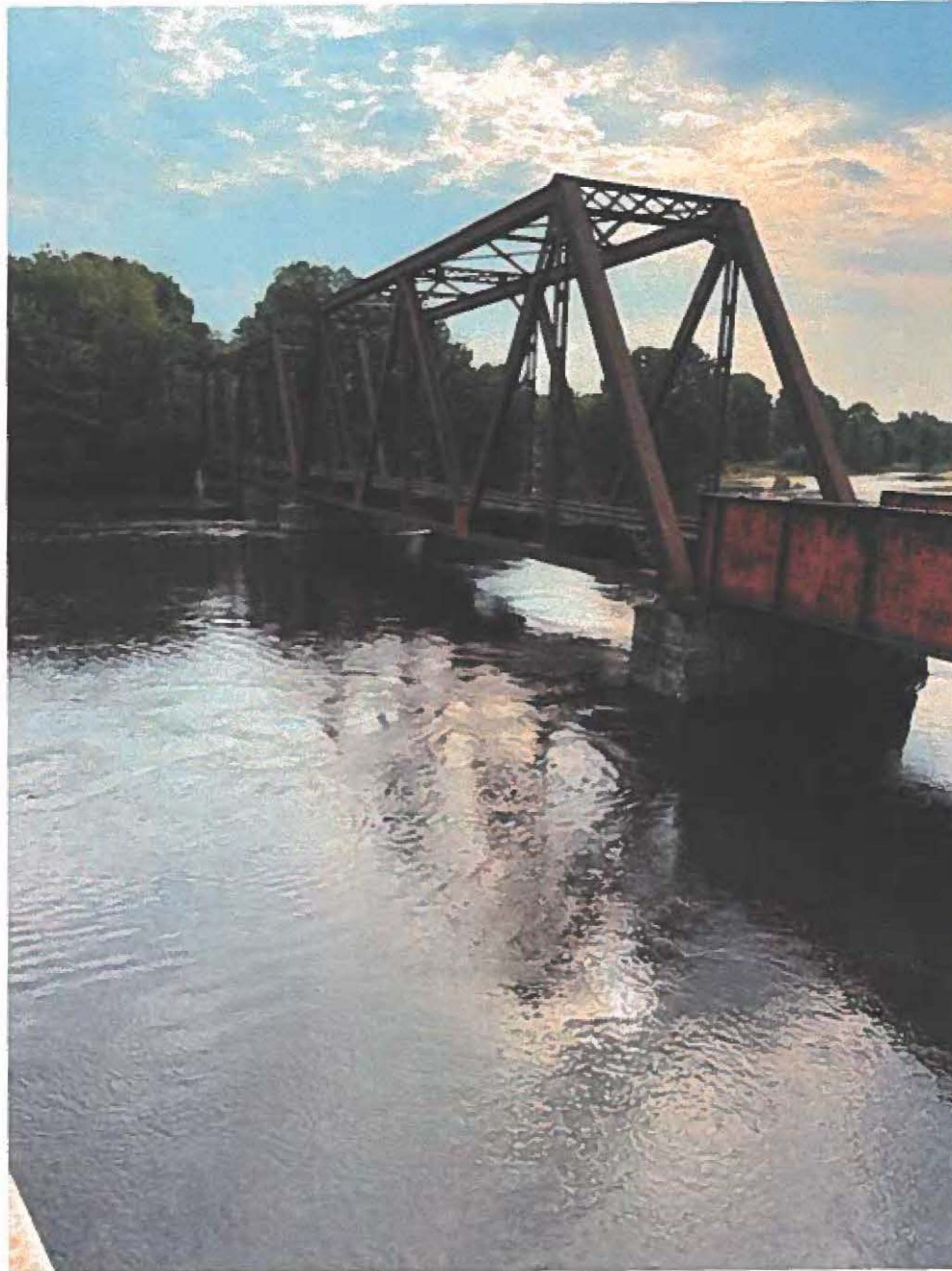
Respectfully,

Rodney Dicob
Joanne Dicob

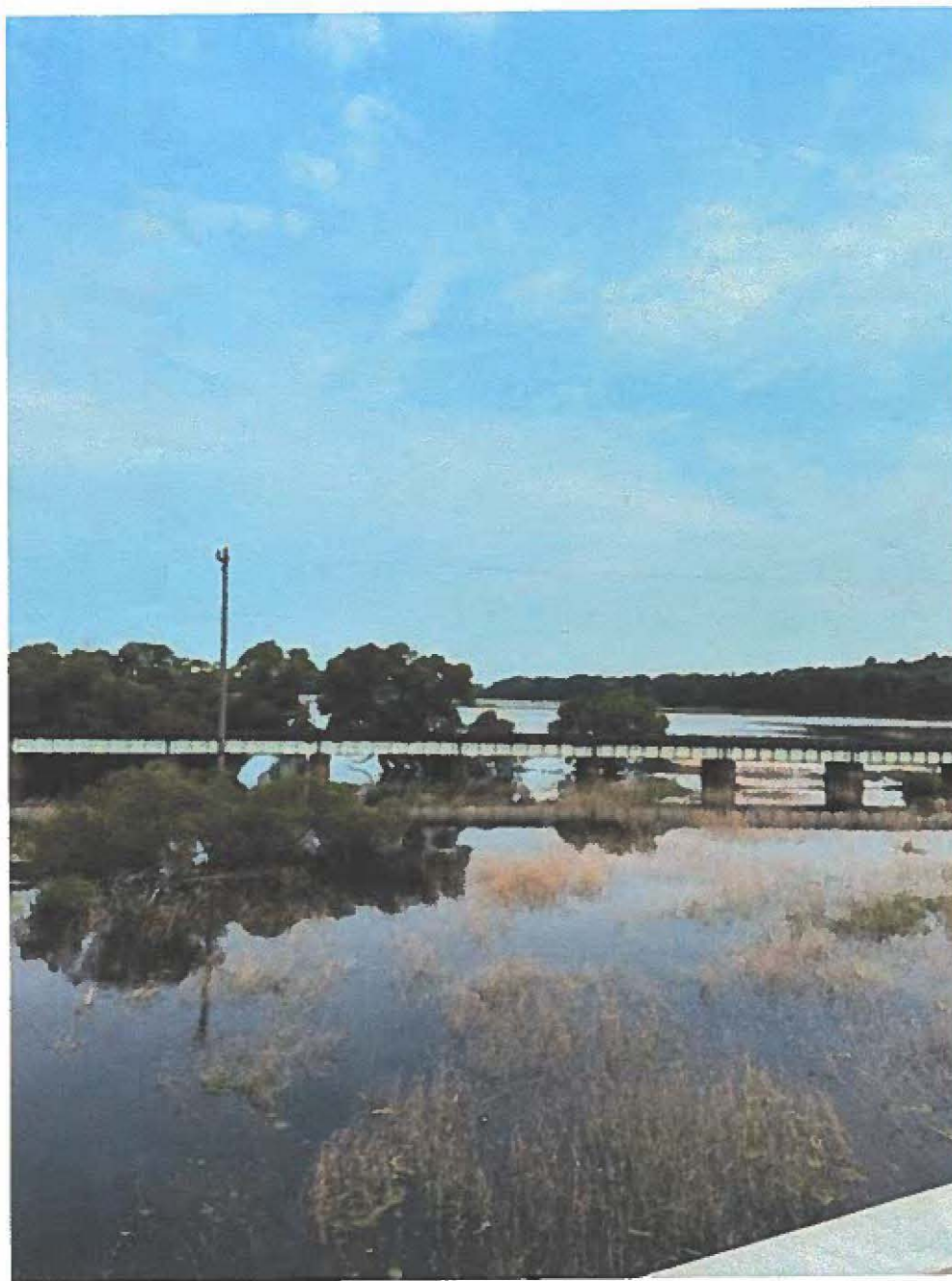
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To: STB Board – Docket #180

From: Joanne Dicob

I certify the parties of record have been sent a copy on August 21, 2023.